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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 22, 2003 (Paper No. 12).

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-20 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-11 of U.S. Patent No. 6,162,350.

A terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c) is attached hereto to overcome this rejection.